

Senate Resolution 675

By: Senators Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. James C. Metts Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Dr. James C. Metts Jr. on January 20, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. James C. Metts Jr was born on June 27, 1931; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a physician with
6 the United States Air Force, valiantly and courageously treating and protecting his fellow
7 Americans for two years, and obtaining the rank of Captain; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was blessed with six remarkable children, Holly, James, Sandra, Lynn,
9 Victoria, and Beth; 16 wonderful grandchildren; and ten phenomenal great-grandchildren;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
12 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
13 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a brilliant internal medicine specialist and diagnostician he served the Savannah
15 area for 50 years as both a physician and as Chatham County coroner, first working in private
16 practice and later founding the Community Cardiovascular Council (CCC), which provided
17 free health screenings and stroke prevention services to Chatham County residents; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Metts received numerous awards for his important work with the CCC,
19 including the 2009 WTOC's Hometown Hero Award and the Monarch Award from the
20 Savannah Lion's club; he was twice honored by the Georgia State Legislature for his efforts;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, he was also awarded the Curtis V. Cooper Special Recognition Award for
23 "outstanding service, achievement, commitment, excellence and compassion and caring in
24 response to the health care needs of patients"; and

25 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
26 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
27 made this world a better place in which to live; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. James C. Metts Jr. will long be
29 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
30 had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. James C. Metts Jr. and express their deepest and
33 most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
36 Dr. James C. Metts Jr.